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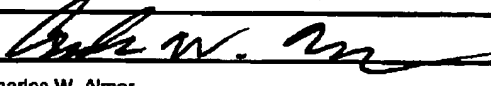
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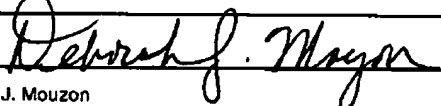
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In response to the Office Action mailed on July 27, 2006, please amend the present application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.